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Subject: 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Overview
Attention: Local, District and State Emergency Management Coordinators,
Members of MACP, MSA, Michigan Fire Service

The President approved the National Strategy for Homeland Security in July 2002. This Strategy is a roadmap for the national effort to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism in the United States. Because the National Strategy recognizes the vital role of state and local public safety agencies in providing security of our homeland, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) has provided necessary funding to Michigan through the FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). This grant consists of both Part I and Part II (supplemental) activities.

Part I - Grant Overview

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), is providing financial assistance directly to the State of Michigan through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).

Michigan has been allocated \$15,918,00. Funding will provide:

- The purchase of specialized equipment to enhance the capability of state and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents of terrorism involving the use of **C**hemical, **B**iological, **R**adiological, **N**uclear or **E**xplosive (**CBRNE**) weapons. (This portion has a required 80% pass through to local jurisdictions);
- Costs related to the design, development, conduct and evaluation of CBRNE exercises;
- Costs related to the design, development and conduct of a state CBRNE Training Program; and
- Costs associated with updating and implementing the state's Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS).

Equipment Acquisition

Approximately 71% of the state's total allocation falls within the equipment category. The state has assigned allocations to counties and municipalities that have recognized emergency management programs for the purchase of CBRNE equipment.

CBRNE Exercise Program

Funds will be used to implement a CBRNE exercise program that will address the design, development, conduct and evaluation of exercises. The goal is to train first responders and assess the readiness of jurisdictions to prevent and respond to a CBRNE event. Exercises will be threat and performance based, in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) developed by DHS, ODP.

CBRNE Training Program

This initiative will develop and coordinate the needed infrastructure of institutionalizing CBRNE first responder training in the state. As the differing disciplines have varied capabilities and training needs, a dynamic and diverse approach will be used to deliver CBRNE courses.

State Homeland Security Strategy and the Needs Assessment Process

Accurate needs assessments are critical to the state's effort to develop an accurate and effective State Homeland Security Strategy. As such, workshops and training will be provided to local jurisdictions to provide local planning

team members with the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to execute the needs assessment process. The response disciplines included in this activity are: law enforcement; emergency management; fire service; hazardous materials personnel; emergency medical services; public works, Governmental administrative; health care; and, public health.

Upon completion of the assessments, the state will undertake the development of strategic goals, objectives and implementation plans.

Administrative Requirements

Local funding allocations were distributed at workshops across the state in May 2003. The grant funding allocation will be effective April 2003 through March 2005. Questions regarding SHSGP–Part I should be directed to Mike Curtis at (517) 333-5039.

Part II - Supplemental Appropriation Grant Overview

Through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) FY 2003 State Homeland Security Program – SHSGP 03 Part II, additional financial assistance is being provided to address equipment, training, planning, exercise, and administrative needs of state and local first responders.

Michigan has been allocated a total of \$42,162,000. For First Responder Preparedness, \$36,540,000 has been awarded (state and local share) and \$5,622,000 (state and local share) for Critical Infrastructure Protection measures during the period of hostilities with Iraq and future periods of heightened threat.

At the discretion of the applicant (the State of Michigan), the First Responder Preparedness funds may be distributed between any of the eligible categories. Eighty percent (80%) of the federal funding allocation for First Responder Preparedness will be passed through for activities to support local first responders. Priority will be placed on awareness and performance training, threat and needs assessment, and school preparedness.

First Responder Training

The Part II strategy is to focus on first responder training. Previous grant allocations have been directed at equipment purchases. Now, based on feedback from local programs, there will be a shift to direct monies for training of first responders in awareness and defensive operations training. These courses will be structured in alignment with the state homeland security strategy and ODP CBRNE First Responder Guidelines.

Eligible training attendees must be emergency responders, emergency managers and public/elected officials within the following disciplines (categories identified by ODP):

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| 1. Firefighters | 7. Public Safety Communications |
| 2. Law Enforcement | 8. Governmental Administrative |
| 3. Emergency Management | 9. Hazardous Materials |
| 4. Emergency Medical Services | 10. Public Works |
| 5. Public Health | 11. Private Security Guards |
| 6. Health Care | |

Threat and Risk Assessment Process

Funds from the First Responder Preparedness Allocation will be allocated to pay local emergency management programs for activities associated with the completion of the FY 2003 assessment and strategy update process.

The state of Michigan's approach is to allocate funds for this project based on a three-tiered scale using population for the groupings. Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis for expenses up to, but not exceeding, the allocation.

School Preparedness

While Part I addresses the concern of making certain colleges and universities are prepared, Part II, under the governmental administrative category, will address K-12 school preparedness.

This initiative is to provide funding assistance to schools for completing a threat and risk assessment for their facilities and then utilizing that data to develop or revise school emergency response plans. Upon completion of the emergency response plans, a tabletop exercise/drill will be required, to provide familiarization with the plans and to identify shortfalls.



This initiative will also create a K-12 Homeland Security school curriculum that addresses terrorism awareness. Local first responders will teach this module, as well as T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, And Mentoring) School Liaison Officers. The initiative has two main objectives: (1) to provide information on preparedness and resources available in their community; and, (2) the development of informational materials to improve community response.

Administrative Requirements

The Emergency Management Division must submit the final SHSGP Grant Application Report by July 30, 2003. It is anticipated that state and local grant materials and funding rollout will begin in September 2003.

The grant funding allocation will be effective June 2003 through May 2005. Questions regarding SHSGP–Part II should be directed to Mark Wesley at (517) 333-5023.

Summary

The Emergency Management Division looks forward to working with all of you in the critical effort to secure Michigan's homeland. We understand that there will be important initiatives for local jurisdictions to undertake in both Part I and Part II of the SHSGP grant process. State and local threat and risk assessments will be key component in future funding formulas for training and equipping first responders.

Sincerely,



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